

## SECURITY INFORMATION

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Enclosure B

OPERATIONS EPISODE

ALBANIA

Support of Possible Rebellion

I. MISSION:

- A. OBJECTIVE: To build resistance assets for covert support of a timely internal rebellion in Albania.
- B. TARGET: Of all the Soviet satellite governments, the regime now in power in Albania is most vulnerable to Western exploitation. The country is surrounded on all sides by enemies and is dependent on Soviet Russia and its satellites for economic and military aid via thin lines of communication. The present regime is universally hated by the Albanian population and emigre groups.

II. ACTION:

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In conjunction with the British, CIA has organized the National Committee for Free Albania, recruited and trained Albanian refugees for infiltration into their native land for purposes of organizing resistance elements in Albania, gathering intelligence of tactical and strategic nature, and penetration of the armed forces and government. Small numbers of high-grade agent teams have been used to conduct these operations, and during the 1953 season operated successfully in Albania. Supplies have been flown in from Greece to support these activities.

III. RESULTS:

The continuance of CIA's present covert operations within Soviet-dominated Albania will greatly facilitate the chances of a successful covert coup designed to overthrow the Albanian regime from within.

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